

Carla Farris
Candidate for Member-at-Large

Carla is presently an IS Relationship Manager, for the Department of Treasury. She is a graduate of the TGMI Class of 2006.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Carla social activities completely revolve around her family.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Carla is involved with her Church and her children's school. She is also a TN Promise Mentor for 2016.

MOST MEMORABLE TGMI EXPERIENCE: "The outdoor team building activities at Paris Landing State Park. The activities challenged me, showed me how to trust my team and make decisions when necessary."

REASON FOR WANTING TO BE MEMBER-AT-LARGE:

"TGMI was a career and life-changing experience for me and I will always be grateful for that opportunity. The friendships, life-lessons and management skills I learned are still applicable in my career here at the State after 9 years. I view serving on the TGMI Steering Committee as an opportunity to give back to TGMI and be a part of sustaining and growing the TGMI experience.

As a Member-at-Large on the Steering Committee, I would like to assist in continuing the efforts to reach out to past Alumni and rekindle some of the enthusiasm and excitement that we all shared as members of the "Best Class Ever." A year after attending TGMI I remained very active in the program as a mentor for the participants of the Class of 2007 and as a committee member for the TGI Fall Conference. After serving TGMI that year, I like many others was able to only attend a few events over the last few years due to other commitments. At this point in my career though, I am able to commit time once again to the activities and advancement of TGMI and I am very excited for the opportunity to serve. I would like to focus on reaching out to past Alumni, who like myself, may not be involved in the TGMI or TGL experience as they once were. Sometimes it only takes an email, or a personal invite to reengage past members. Bringing back these members and engaging them once again will strengthen the programs that TGMI offers. For example, all

TGMI members that are working on their black belt could be invited to an event for points. An email out to all TGMI Alumni that are participating in the black belt program is fine but what if a member of each TGMI Class made the effort to personally email their Class members in the black belt program and invite them to an event."